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Gunners and Forest prove England rule

ENGLAND are back on top of the world! The European triumphs of Arsenal and Nottingham Forest have shown our soccer rivals once again that we are the masters at club level — and now it's just left to England to underline the fact that we are tops in the national stakes too.

Their task in Italy in the European Championships in



June seems a daunting one, but Arsenal's 1-0 victory over a Juventus team containing seven internationals has made it so much easier to overcome.

Substitute Paul Vaessen's headed goal — scored in the same Turin Stadium where England will meet Italy on June 15 — brought what can only be described as the result of the season. It was the first time that Juventus had been beaten at home in European competition by a British club and only the second victory by a British club on Italian soil.

Hats off too to Clough's Forest warriors — the reigning European Champions who produced a splendidly controlled display of defensive football to reach the final in Madrid.

And who should they meet there but Hamburg and Kevin Keegan, the England captain and Match Weekly columnist who certainly wasn't joking when he predicted a scoreline

of 5-2 in the second leg against Real Madrid.

In this, our FA Cup Final Souvenir issue, Kevin says how he thinks the Wembley spectacle will go — and our many other Cup Final features include a colour replay of West Ham's super semi-final goals against Everton and a two-page colour spread on some of the stars who will be gracing the Wembley stage on Saturday.

Scottish Footballer of the Year Gordon Strachan previews the Hampden Final and there are great souvenir colour posters of Celtic's Danny McGrain and Rangers' Derek Johnstone.

We also preview next Tuesday's intriguing England v Argentina game at Wembley and Wednesday's European Cup Winners' Cup Final between Arsenal and Valencia. All in all it's got to be a cracking week for British football... and for Match Weekly readers.

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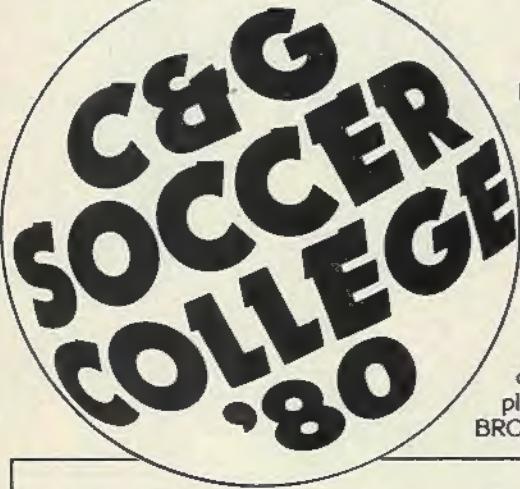
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JUST champion, dad! A delighted Kenny Dalglish lets his three-year-old son Paul share in the glory as the Liverpool players celebrate their fourth Championship title in five seasons after the 4-1 victory over Aston Villa at Anfield.

Liverpool completed their home programme without a League defeat for the fourth time in the last ten years and the fifth time since the war — a record feat by any club this century.

Saturday's match was their fiftieth in the League at Anfield since their last home defeat . . . and that was at the hands of Birmingham, who had plenty to celebrate themselves on Saturday when a heart-stopping 3-3 draw at home to Notts County gave them the one point they needed for a

return to Division One.

Our picture (below) shows Birmingham's first goal — a flying header from striker Keith Bertschin — and the Blues are on their way back.

But one burning question still needs to be answered and that is who will join Birmingham and Leicester in Division One next season.

Cup finalists West Ham hold the key. Two days after their Wembley appearance against Arsenal they play Sunderland at Roker Park.

Sunderland only need a draw against the Hammers to clinch promotion but if they lose it will be Chelsea who make the step up.

Match Weekly will be at Roker Park to capture the scenes . . .

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ARSENAL'S remarkable season comes to a climax next week as they go for European glory ... and prepare to write another episode in their history of cup fighting tradition.

Brussels is their destination on Wednesday (May 14) and Valencia their opponents in the final of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

And the Gunners will summon up all their strength and determination in an effort to clinch victory and so crown a proud year for the famous club.

And after their tremendous victory over Juventus in the semi-final, Valencia should hold no fears for the Arsenal players.

The Gunners looked to have set themselves an almost impossible task after being held to a 1-1 draw at Highbury by the Italian Cup holders who boast a whole host of international stars. They only achieved that scoreline thanks to an own goal from Juventus star Roberto Bettega.

But in the return leg in Turin Arsenal showed the importance of keeping a clean sheet — for the fourth time in the competition — to snatch a late

winner and go through to the final.

Arsenal's dour defensive ability has been ever present en route to the final — only Magdeburg in the second round managed to penetrate the Gunners rearguard with any conviction. They were responsible for three of the five goals the London side has conceded in the competition so far.

In comparison Valencia have conceded nine goals so far — two against Copenhagen, two against Glasgow Rangers, three against Barcelona (the holders), and two against Nantes.

Midfield has become recognised as the department where games are 'won and lost' and the match throws up a mouth-watering clash — Arsenal's Liam Brady versus Rainer Bonhof of Valencia.

Bonhof's promptings from midfield are vital to the Spanish side and his three goals in the competition should not go un-noticed.

But while midfield promises to be tactically tight it is goals that count and that is where Valencia

I'm still struggling to find my form

by Mario Kempes

THE KEY figure in Valencia's march to the European Cup Winners Cup climax is Argentinian World Cup star Mario Kempes, scorer of nine goals on the road to the final.

But despite his Cup tally and his 20 Spanish League goals this season, Kempes revealed to MATCH WEEKLY: "I am only playing 70 per cent of what I know I can do on the field.

"It has taken me a long time to find my feet again since the World Cup. Every week the memory fades and I feel my form returning. I am still unwinding."

After hammering home a penalty 14 minutes from time to save a point for his club in their home prestige match against Barcelona, Kempes added:

"My form started to return when we played Rangers in Scotland and we won well after every Spaniard had written us off when we drew the first leg

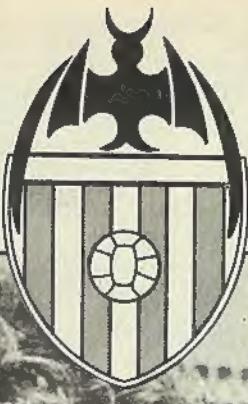
at home. The team clicked that night and everything has gone well since.

"What the fans don't know is that after reaching such a peak at the right time in the World Cup and with every one wanting to know me, it has been very difficult to adapt to what is my real living — playing league and cup football.

"I don't consider myself a prima donna — but a disciplined member of a Valencia team. I work as hard as any other member of the team and believe me I get no special treatment from our coach Alfredo di Stefano.

"He is too much of an expert in world football to single out

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ARSENAL V VALENCIA European Cup Winners' Cup Final



may have the edge... courtesy of one Mario Kempes.

No less than eight of the Spanish team have scored on their way to the final but Kempes has bagged nine of Valencia's tally of 20 goals.

He has scored in every round and Arsenal central defenders Willie Young and David O'Leary will have to be on top form to prevent Kempes completing that record in Brussels.

ABOVE: Rainer Bonhof's promptings from mid-field are a vital part of the Valencia set up on the field.



Mario Kempes — still unwinding after Argentina's World Cup triumph and struggling to find his form.

any one player for special treatment. Also one day I would like to match the record of Stefano."

Kempes, joint top Spanish League goalscorer, admitted that he knows nothing of Arsenal and precious little about English football.

"I can only tell you that I have read of two English players Trevor Francis and Kevin Keegan.

"I would have known more if England had got through to the

finals in Argentina.

"I can't name one Arsenal player, off hand, that's how cut off I feel. I know the name naturally. I also know they beat Juventus in Turin that must make them a very good side.

"As you know there is something to be said about ignoring reputations. I have been asked many times about whether Valencia is frightened about Arsenal. My answer is let Arsenal be frightened about Valencia."

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I'M backing Diego Maradona to rule the Wembley stage and lead Argentina to a spectacular victory against England on Tuesday.

I know the forecast won't please my English friends but I have arrived at my prediction only after careful consideration of both teams.

The task facing England is a massive one, because I don't think there's much to choose between this Argentinian side and the one I helped win the '78 World Cup.

It's packed with skill, speed and high technical ability. Moreover it contains players who are young in years but richly experienced in terms of international football.

As I explained last week I'm expecting an attacking game to delight a capacity Wembley crowd.

Cesar Menotti gives his players complete freedom to go forward. And with players like Maradona, the new world sensation, Luque and Ramon Diaz, Argentina have the potential to score more goals than England.

Only Menotti knows what his team will be at this stage but I expect the World Champions to

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line up something like this in a 4-3-1-2 formation: Fillol; Olguin, Villaverde, Passarella, Tarantini, Barbas, Gallego, Maradona, Bochini, Luque, Diaz.

The team plays to no strict system and Bochini and Maradona will float around to provide a 4-2-4 or 4-4-2 formation. To give readers a better idea of the opposition England can expect I'll take you through each player in turn.

FILLOL: For my money the world's number one 'keeper — better even than your own Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton. He can't be faulted.

OLGUIN: A regular in the side since before the World Cup. Played particularly well against Poland and Holland in the latter stages of the '78 tournament. A highly skilled player, he likes to get forward.

VILLAVERDE: Came into the side after the World Cup and took the place of Galvin. A highly promising young player who is good both in the air and on the ground.

PASSARELLA: For me the best player in his position in the world. Very strong in the air and in the tackle. Gets in some dangerous forward positions. A very influential captain.

TARANTINI: Never showed his true form during an unhappy spell with Birmingham. A very aggressive defender who is dangerous on the overlap.

BARBAS: Another youngster. He has taken my place in the national team and is developing into a very good player who never stops running.

GALLEGOS: The defensive player of the midfield. Wins a lot in the air and is a good passer of the ball.

MARADONA: If he's not already the best player in the world he soon will be. Only 19, but has plenty of experience. Has all the skill in the world and will revel in the Wembley atmosphere and open spaces. The top scorer in Argentina, and from a midfield position at that.

LUQUE: Another member of the successful '78 team. Raises his game for internationals. Very strong, aggressive and skilful and will always score goals.

BOCHINI: Was in the side before '78, but missed the World Cup through injury. A small skilful player who can create something out of nothing.

DIAZ: Came into the side after the World Cup and made a name for himself as a prolific goalscorer in the Youth World Cup in Japan last summer. An expert finisher. With Maradona he's the talk of Argentina.



Diego Maradona is, in my opinion, the best player in the world and is my tip to become the Wembley matchwinner. Here he moves away from the challenge of Scotland's John Wark.

Menotti's tour men

ARGENTINA manager Cesar Luis Menotti brings a strong squad with him to Europe for the world champions' tour games in England, Eire and Austria on May 13, 16 and 21.

It is: Fillol (River Plate), Baley (Independiente); Passarella, Tarantini (River Plate), Villaverde, Olguin (Independiente), Van Tuyne, Ocana (Talleres Cordoba); Gallego (Newell's Old Boys, Rosario), Valencia (Talleres), Fren, Bochini (Independiente), Barbas (Racing), Ischia (Velez Sarsfield); Maradona (Argentinos Juniors), Ramon Diaz, Luque (River Plate), Calderon (Racing).

The squad is largely based on Menotti's old River Plate and Independiente favourites and does not include any of the Boca Juniors players — another blow to the prestige of the Buenos Aires club that was once top of South American football but now languishes at the foot of the Metropolitan League.

Since the last World Cup, Argentina's results have been unimpressive, reflecting the changes Menotti has been making to cater for the loss of so many of his best players to European football.

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ENGLAND v Argentina at Wembley. What a prospect that will be next Tuesday.

I know the lads in the squad are really looking forward to this one — it will give us a chance to see the World champions in action, many of us for the first time, and also the chance to assess just how good we are.

There has been a lot written and spoken about the England team and its prospects in the European Championships and the World Cup in Spain in 1982, but meeting the World champions will be the first real glimpse of our true stature.

I've only seen them play on TV and they looked one hell of a side two years ago, but they have made some changes since and it's pretty frightening to think there isn't even a place for Ardiles or Kempes in the side.

This boy Maradona looks to be something special. Joe Jordan, my Manchester United mate says he's fabulous. He played against him at Hampden last June and he was everything pre-match reputation had billed.

Joe described him as 'a miniature tank', powerful, quick, skilful. I can't wait to see him for myself.

I understand that Argentina pick players to suit their style — a slow build-up with explosive breaks and brilliant finishing.

With England it's the other way round. Ron Greenwood is building a side which blends the different backgrounds the players come from and including

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bits of Continental football with Keegan and Woodcock from Germany and Cunningham from Spain.

And with these three not available for the Home Internationals because of their club commitments, it could be the manager's last chance to see them before the first game in Italy so I expect them to be in the side on Tuesday.

They are three of the key reasons why I'm going for an England win. The game's classed as a friendly but both teams have got so much to prove... England that we are World class and Argentina, that they are STILL World class!

It'll be like a Cup Final out there but I take us to win 1-0.

The Passarella-Watson duel should be a real battle at set pieces, they've both got springs in their heels and I remember their goalkeeper Fillol impressed in the World Cup — it's reckoned he's as good as both Clemence and Shilton... we'll see!

It will be interesting to see if Trevor Brooking plays, so soon after his Cup Final exertions, because his style is the nearest, I feel, to that of the Argentinians.



The game with Argentina will be more like a Cup Final — but I take us to win 1-0.

Billy-and the Kid

'Bonds puts more into a game than Devonshire puts into a season....'

ONE of the biggest insults we've had at Nottingham Forest was to be told that Trevor Francis won us the European Cup.

Now that same treatment is being given to Alan Devonshire as "the player who took West Ham to Wembley".

With due respect to Francis and Devonshire, those kind of statements are so far off the mark it is untrue.

Trevor scored the winning goal against Malmö in Munich a year ago. He came in at the death and grabbed the glory but there was much, much more went into winning the Cup than that one incident.

The same applies to Devonshire who stuck a goal in against Everton. Obviously, there is a fairytale about the kid who was playing non-league football and working in a factory not so long ago.

But the attention and limelight he has had over the last few weeks is typical of the way the Press build up a player and then at some later stage shoot him down.

The way the likes of Francis and Devonshire have been treated is almost a slur on the talent and experience of other players.

I am delighted that Devonshire is appearing in the FA Cup Final — good luck to the lad — but my thoughts have been with players like Billy Bonds, Trevor Brooking

and Frank Lampard.

They have been at the club a long time and are the corner-stone of West Ham's achievements.

Bonds puts more into one game than Devonshire puts into a season... and I don't mean that to sound disrespectful because it's meant as a tribute to Bonds.

He may not be the best player in the country but Bonds has never been found short when it comes to total commitment — even though it got him into disciplinary trouble recently.

You get nowhere in football unless you have players of his type. You bring in the likes of Francis and Devonshire to provide that little bit something extra and different.

West Ham have got those ingredients — that's why they have reached Wembley as a Second Division side. They are certainly there on merit. We can vouch for their qualities as a Cup side.

We met them in the quarter-final of the League Cup this season and, if you'll pardon the pun, they really put us under the hammer.

We could easily have gone out to them at Upton Park but hung on to get a draw and beat them in the replay on our pitch. But even then it was only after extra-time.

For some reason West Ham



have always been a Cup side — dating back beyond Ron Greenwood's days — and it's a pity that their efforts cannot be channelled into League football.

Perhaps that will come one day and may be under the management of John Lyall, who has shown he is willing to stick out his neck for something he believes in.

He impressed me greatly with the manner in which he confronted the goalkeeping situation at Upton Park.

For a start he made up his mind about Mervyn Day, who many thought to be the best

young goalkeeper in the country. Then he went out and spent something like £650,000 on Phil Parkes.

It was a bold move, but having shocked a few people when we signed Peter Shilton, I knew exactly what he was up to.

He will be hoping his decisions are just as right on Saturday at Wembley.

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THE build-up to football's biggest day starts here with an action-packed 20-page guide to the 1980 Cup Final between West Ham and Arsenal . . . the pride of London.

We kick-off this great souvenir with managers John Lyall and Terry Neill and club captains Billy Bonds and Pat Rice giving their verdicts on what promises to be a classic Final.



Terry Neill

IT'S TYPICAL of the Terry Neill-Don Howe partnership that in the hour of triumph all their concern should be for the Arsenal players.

Despite standing on the brink of a marvellous Cup double, reaching a lofty position in Division One and the quarter-finals of the League Cup, this season's most successful management partnership stress that the players deserve more credit.

Neill said: "The character and resilience of the side was shown in the semi-finals.

"The position we're in now is more or less the situation we've been working for all season.

"The players have worked so hard without, I feel, sufficient credit going their way.

"But having said that, we've got to be practical because at the moment we haven't won anything.

"There are no favourites in Cup Finals. West Ham are an



institution. They're capable of good football plus very great determination."

Don Howe echoed his words: "Everybody has written us off and talked about 'lucky Arsenal'. Eventually they will start giving us credit."



John Lyall

WEST HAM manager John Lyall proudly leads his team out on to the Wembley turf today with this message: "It's a great day for London football."

"I think a lot of people felt before the semi-finals that it would be an all-Merseyside Final, but it is marvellous to be involved in an all-London match.

"It will be great if Arsenal can go on and win the Cup Winners' Cup . . . and we'll have the FA Cup," he said with a smile.

"Arsenal are a very, very good side, highly efficient, well-balanced and very hard to beat but there will obviously be two very contrasting styles at Wembley.



"I hope lads like Alan Devonshire, Trevor Brooking, Liam Brady and Graham Rix can produce the goods on the day to make it memorable."

Billy Bonds

● BILLY Bonds is thrilled at the prospect of captaining his side at Wembley for the second time in five years — but sick that he's not gunning for the 'double'.

"It's a great day for the lads," Bonds said. "But in the back of our minds we're all very disappointed that we've missed out on promotion."

"Our fans are also disappointed. They wanted promotion probably more than the FA Cup and we'll hope to make it up to them at Wembley."

"But when you look at a club of our size and the Manchester

WHAT THE CAPTAINS SAY

clubs, the Arsenals and Tottenhams and the Merseyside giants it's tremendous to think we're going back there in five years.

"When we beat Fulham in 1975 I didn't expect to get another chance to play at Wembley. Some famous players never get there once."

"It doesn't frighten us having to play Arsenal. We've beaten three First Division sides on the way and deserve our place."

"The game will be won in midfield and it should be a fascinating duel between Brady and Rix and Devonshire and Brooking."

● "NO WAY will we underestimate West Ham" — that's the Cup Final message from experienced Arsenal skipper Pat Rice.

But he is convinced the Gunners can shoot down West Ham's pretty bubbles . . . and go on to beat Valencia in the Cup Winners' Cup Final four days later.

Said Rice, a driving force in the Arsenal rearguard that has done such an effective job in the run-up to Wembley:

"We are going to do the double. We will be starting favourites against West Ham

Pat Rice

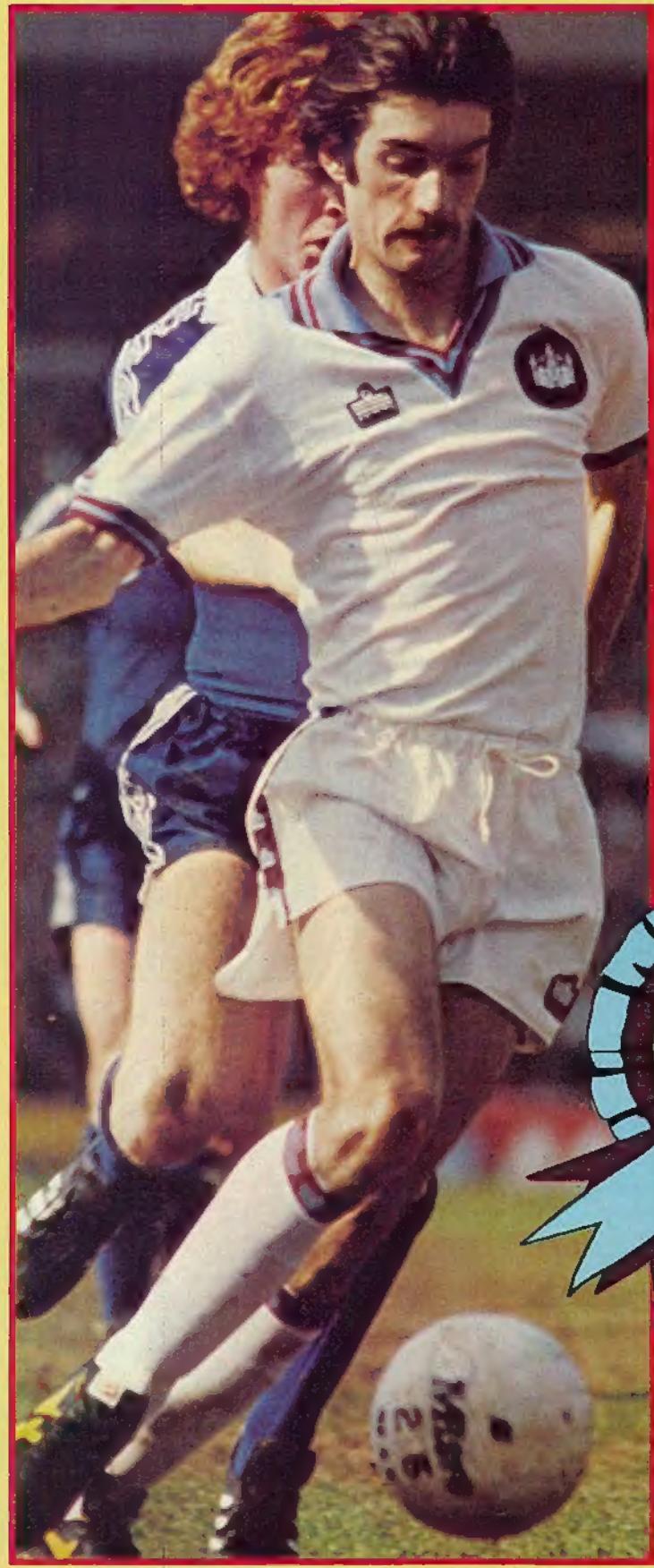
but that won't make us complacent.

"Look what happened to us in the 1978 Cup Final against Ipswich. We were cocksure we would beat them but on the day it was Ipswich taking the Cup home."

Rice brushes aside any suggestion that this time it will be easier because the opponents are a Second Division outfit.

"Clubs from the Second Division have a good record in the FA Cup. Having said that I don't think we will make any mistakes this time."

The goals that took W Wembley



GAWD, you wonderful 'Ammers! West Ham became the pride of London when they won a blood and thunder FA Cup semi-final replay against Everton to reach Wembley.

And it was left to one of the youngest and one of the oldest Hammers to finally put the nail in the Merseyside coffin.

West Ham's superb opener typified all that's good about midfield star Alan Devonshire . . . a neat one two with Stuart Pearson . . . breathtaking speed and control . . . and a cool head.

And then the winner — what a time for Frank Lampard to score his first goal of the season — two minutes from the end of a pulsating tie that caught the attention of fans everywhere.

So West Ham had done it and the two heroes of the night willingly relived their magic moments for 'Match'.

LEFT: Alan Devonshire . . . I've scored better goals, but none as important as this.'

"It was a magic, unbelievable feeling," Devonshire told Match Weekly. "I've scored better goals but none as important as that.

"I picked the ball up from Trevor Brooking about 40 yards out and hit it with the outside of my boot to Stuart Pearson. I went round two defenders to collect the one-two and just managed to get to the ball as Billy Wright tried to bring me down.

"He caught me, but I managed to keep my balance and as Ratcliffe came across I slipped it under the advancing Martin Hodge.

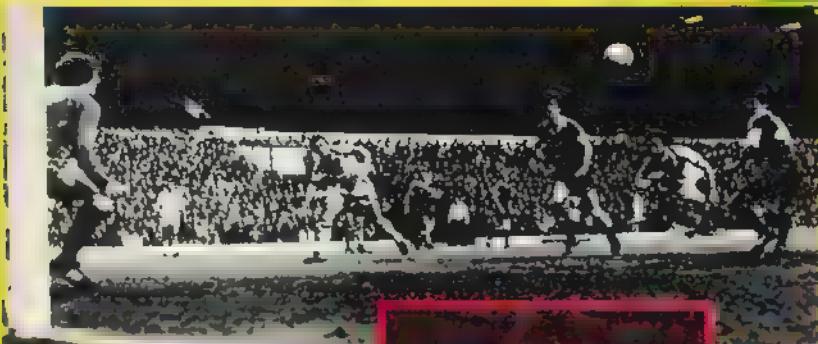
"I ran past Stuart Pearson and Trevor Brooking and was only stopped by Billy Bonds. He gave me a great hug and said 'fantastic, what a great goal'."

And Lampard's reaction: "I don't know what I was doing up there at the time.

"David Cross headed a great ball across the goal and I fell on it. It came at a good time didn't it."



West Ham to F.A. CUP SPECIAL



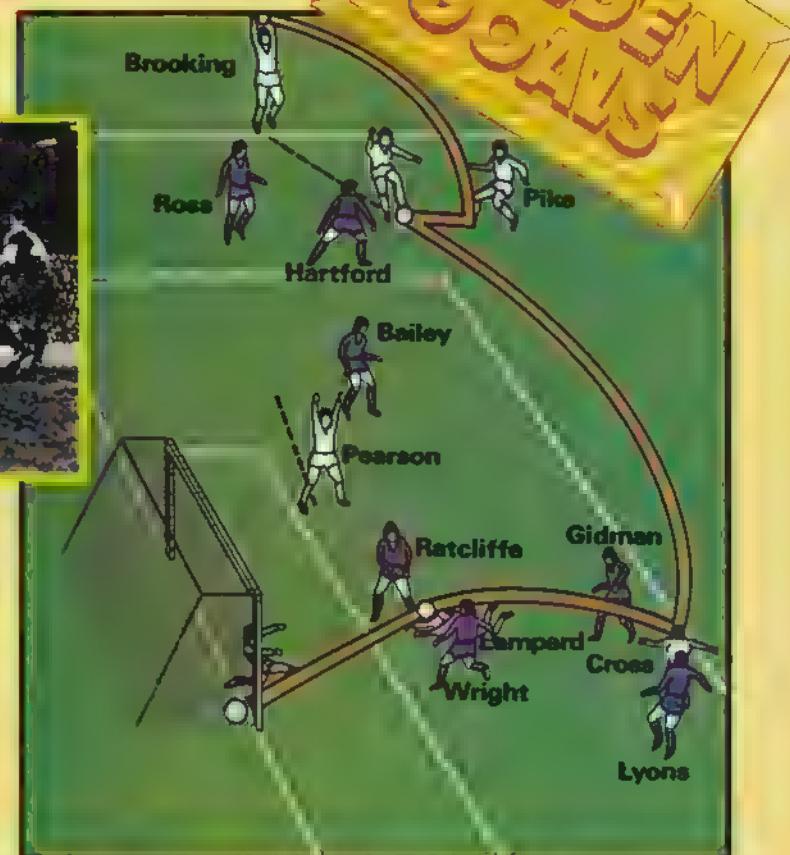
ABOVE: Frank Lampard guides his extra-time match-winner wide of Hodge.

The goal began with Trevor Brooking, popping up on the right hand side to curl in a telling cross to the far post.

Lampard dived to knock in Cross' header — and send those high-flying West Ham bubbles all the way to Wembley.



Frank Lampard



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Wembley dossier

Match Facts guide to the FA Cup Final

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compiled from our regular Match Facts service.

Use our unique charts to find out who the key players will be on the day and where the game will be won or lost.



Alan Sunderland — Arsenal's leading goalscorer in the FA Cup with five goals.

Previous FA Cup meetings between West Ham and Arsenal

1906 West Ham 2, Arsenal 3 (after 1-1)

1925 West Ham 1, Arsenal 0 (at Chelsea after 0-0 and 2-2)

1930 West Ham 0, Arsenal 3

1946 West Ham 6, Arsenal 1 (two-leg tie)

First game ended 1-0 to Arsenal.

1975 Arsenal 0, West Ham 2 (West Ham went on to win the Cup)

The West Ham 6-0 in 1946 ranks as Arsenal's biggest ever FA Cup defeat.

ARSENAL



Jennings	7	7	7	6	7	7	6	8	9*	8	7.20
Rice	7	7	6	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6.70
Devine	8*			7	7	7	6	6	6	6	7.00
Talbot	5	7	9*	7	7	5	6	6	6	6	6.70
Walford	6	7	7	7	7	6	6s	6	6	6	6.25
Young	6	6	7	6	8	5s	7	7	8	8	5.33
Gatting	5	6	7	7	8	8	7	7	7	7	6.60
Sunderland	6	8	7	6	8	5	7	5	7	7	7.30
Stapleton	7	6	7	7	8	8*	7	7	8	7	7.00
Hollins	7	7	8	9*	9*	7	6	5	5	6	7.10
Rix	7	9*	8	7	7	6	6	5	5	6	6.33
Nelson		7	7	7	8	9*	7	7	8	8	6.875
O'Leary		8	7	7	8	9*	7	7	7	7	7.75
Brady		7	7	7	7	7	6	7	7	7	6.875
Price											

Top Scorers in Cup Sunderland 5, Stapleton 4, Talbot 2

Total Attendance: 363,073 (average attendance 36,307)

Top Player: Liam Brady 7.75 (two star ratings)

Goals: For 13; Against 5

* Team man of the match

s — Substitute

WEST HAM



Parkes	101	7	6	6	7	6	6	7	9*	7	6.57
Stewart	6	6	6	6	7	7	6	6	6	7	6.66
Lampard	7	6	6	6	6	7	6	7	8	7.75	6.83
Bonds	8	6	6	6	6	8*	7	8	8	8	7.42
Martin	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	6.42
Devonshire	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7.00
Allen	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7.16
Pearson	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	6.25
Pike	7	7	8*	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6.33
Brooking	7	6	6	6	6	5	7	6	6	7	6.75
Neighbour	7	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	6.00
Brush											
Cross											
Holland											

Top Scorers in Cup Stewart 3 (2 pens), Pearson 2

Total Attendance: 228,256 (average attendance 32,608)

Top Player: Billy Bonds 7.75 (one star rating)

Goals: For 12; Against 6

* Team man of the match

s — Substitute



A FIVE GOAL THRILLER

A FIVE-GOAL THRILLER — that's what I am predicting for Saturday's classic all-London Final between Arsenal and West Ham

But don't ask me who is going to get that all-important odd goal. I've already caught one cold in the FA Cup this year — putting a tenner on Watford at 66-1 early in the competition — and I don't intend to catch another!

Arsenal, as a First Division team, will be the bookies' favourites. But believe me, there's not a class difference between these two sides.

I'm going for goals because I think it will be a very open Final. West Ham's adventurous style of play will make sure of that. No-one's ever told them how to play defensive football!

That's why this Final has the makings of a really good game — maybe even one of the Wembley 'greats'.

I have to admit that I was just a little sorry to see Liverpool go out. I am still very much Liverpool-minded and I would have liked to see them in the Final.

But I doubt that Hammers boss John Lyall shares my feelings. In fact I should think he left Coventry's Highfield Road ground after Arsenal's 1-0 win with a wee smile on his face. He must fancy his chances more against Arsenal than Liverpool.

John still has his work cut out against an in-form side though, and he won't be listening to those people who

say that Arsenal's tremendously busy programme has tired the players and that this will be in Hammers' favour.

Okay, so the Gunners have had a lot of games recently, and important ones too. But success soon eases the aching muscles — and they've had plenty of that. Liverpool had an even busier time when we were in for the 'treble' — the FA and European Cups and League Championship — in 1977. And we still won two of them.

Everyone was saying then how worn out we must be, but tiredness is really only a psychological thing. As Bill Shankly told us: "It's only when people keep saying you are tired that you begin to feel it."

Neither will John Lyall be paying much attention to the 'lucky' tag pinned to Arsenal over the years. A team can be lucky two or three times but when the results keep coming you have to question whether it can be luck. They used to say the same thing about Liverpool in the early days . . . so I reckon when people start calling you lucky you must be playing well!

Cup Final goalscorers are not usually the type of player who stands out. Roger Osborne, scorer of the Ipswich winner in '78, springs to mind as a typical Wembley hero.

I'm going to take Geoff Pike to get on the scoresheet for West Ham and a full-back, probably Pat Rice, to steal one for Arsenal. Sunderland should also find the net for the Gunners.



FA CUP SEMI-FINALS		
Paul	Tom	Predictor Predict Results
ARSENAL v LIVERPOOL (At Hillsborough)	1-0	
EVERTON v WEST HAM (At Villa Park)	1-2	

NICKY REID (Manchester City)

WEST HAM to win it! I'm pretty confident they can beat Arsenal.

I can't explain it, it's just a feeling the Hammers will do it. It will be 1-1 at half-time then Stuart Pearson will grab the match-winner.

GARY OWEN (West Brom)

IT WILL be a hard game, but I fancy Arsenal to sneak it 2-1 with Brady and either Stapleton or Sunderland getting the winner.

I expect Brady to be pushed forward, with Talbot doing the anchoring. I was surprised they got through against Liverpool, but now they are there I doubt if they'll slip up. It will be entertaining without doubt and as Stuart Pearson

knows about scoring at Wembley, I take him to score for West Ham — but only a consolation.

PAUL HART (Leeds United)

ARSENAL will have their tails up after beating Liverpool, and I can't see Hammers taking the Cup. Arsenal showed how great they are at soaking up pressure but with great players like Brooking and Devonshire — and Wembley should suit their style — they should be good for a couple of goals. Arsenal to win 3-2 and Alan Sunderland to score two, including the winner, Stapleton the other one.

MARK LAWRENSON (Brighton)

I'M predicting an all-London Final. But seriously, I think it's going to be a very attacking game.

Players like Brady and Rix and Brooking and Devonshire aren't the types to try and stop the others from playing.

Arsenal's semi-final marathon won't affect them — no matter how tired you are, everybody plays their heart out at Wembley.

So I'll go for Arsenal to win 3-1 with Alan Sunderland and Frank Stapleton scoring the goals.

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Picture Round

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OUR CUP Final challenge to Match Weekly readers starts with a round of picture questions. Simply name the player for 2 points and his team for a bonus point. Maximum score 12 points.



Stop the Action Round

Score

THE next round is where we have 'stopped the action' during the two recent Cup Finals. For 2 points per picture name the year and teams involved. For 2 further points, what happened next? Maximum 8 points.



PIC A.....



PIC B.....

Individual Round

THE SECOND round is an individual round with all the questions based on individual players... 2 points for every question answered correctly. Maximum 12 points.

1. What F.A. Cup record does Ted MacDougall (now of Blackpool) hold?.....
2. The Crystal Palace manager Terry Venables won one Cup Winners' medal, for which team?.....
3. In last season's Scottish Cup Final second replay, who scored two goals for Rangers?.....
4. He played in the F.A. Cup Finals of 1966 and 1976... name him?.....
5. How many F.A. Cup winners' medals did Alan Ball win?.....
6. Name the player who scored the first goal in the 1979 F.A. Cup Final?.....

Score

ON OF SPORT

Home and Away

FOR THIS round we give you a choice of questions. The Home questions are worth 1 point and are slightly easier than the Away questions, which are worth 2 points, for each correct answer. You must choose to answer either all the home questions or all the away questions — you cannot mix them. Maximum 12 points.

HOME QUESTIONS

1. No one remembers losing semi-finalists, or do they? Name last season's losing F.A. Cup semi-finalists?
2. Rangers and Celtic have dominated the Scottish Cup in the 1970's except for 1970 itself. Name the successful team on that occasion.
3. It has not been a good season for Bristol City but they scored 6 goals in the Third round of the F.A. Cup in January — who against?
4. Nottingham Forest have won the F.A. Cup twice; once in 1898, name the only other occasion?
5. Southampton won the cup in 1976 — who was their captain?
6. Who were the last non-league team left in this year's F.A. Cup competition?

AWAY QUESTIONS

1. The first Cup Final at Wembley was in 1923. Where was the 1922 Final held?
2. Three current 4th Division teams have appeared in Cup Finals — name two of them?
3. One Scottish Cup tie in last year's bad winter was postponed a record 29 times. Who were the two clubs involved?
4. This goalkeeper won an F.A. Cup Winners medal in 1955 and a European Cup Winners medal in 1967, name him and the two clubs involved?
5. Two teams have missed out on the magic "League/Cup Double". In both cases they were League Champions but losing F.A. Cup finalists. Name the two teams?
6. Three F.A. Cup winning managers in the 70's also won winners medals as players, name all three managers.

Score

Turn to Page 39
for the answers

With Emlyn Hughes



ENGLAND and Wolves star Emlyn Hughes asks the questions for our FA Cup Final Special.

Says Emlyn: "Most of Match Weekly's readers will have seen me sweat over questions on BBC TV's Question of Sport. Now it's my turn to put you on the spot.

"See if you can get a better score than your pals. The top score is 70. If you get under 20 then you can't be reading Match; up to 40 and you could do better; up to 60 is a very good score and you must be a regular Match reader; over 60 and you should be a Question of Sport panelist!

"Best of luck."

Minute Round

FOR THE final round each of the following questions have 5 point answers but you must only allow yourself a minute to answer each question. Maximum score 20 points.

Mystery Players

THE fifth round of the Cup challenge is another picture round. The pairs of eyes belong to two East Anglian team-mates who have both won F.A. Cup winners medals in recent years but with different teams. For two points name the player and earn a bonus point by naming his previous club. Maximum score six point.

Score



1. Name the teams that knocked the following out of the F.A. Cup this year:

- a) Wolves
- b) Chelsea
- c) Newcastle
- d) Leeds
- e) Southampton

2. Six current first division clubs have never reached the Cup Final — name five of the clubs involved?

3. For 2 points: Two teams have each appeared in a record 18 Cup semi-finals. Name the two teams?

For 3 points — name the three current Liverpool players who have actually played against Liverpool in the F.A. Cup Finals.

4. For each of the last five Cup Finals, name the scorer of the winning goal?

Total score (out of 70):

Allen's the Wembley babe

IF Paul Allen steps out for West Ham at Wembley on Saturday they will have to re-write the record books.

For at 17 years and 256 days old he'll be the youngest ever to play in an FA Cup Final — beating by 90 days the record of Preston's Howard Kendall, ironically set against the Hammers in the 1965 Final.

Understandably the Cockney kid, who at 5ft 6ins, stands little higher than a petrol pump but with the energy to burn in the West Ham cause, is reticent about talking of a possible Wembley record.

"I've tried not to think about it too much in case I'm not in the team," he told MATCH WEEKLY. "But I'll admit it was mentioned by one or two of the apprentices as far back as our Third Round replay win over West Brom. I never dreamed it might come true."

Whether he's playing or not, the Allen clan will be turning out in force to cheer on Paul's team. Among them will be uncle Les Allen, himself a winner of an FA Cup winners' medal with Spurs in 1961. Cousin Clive will be there too.

if QPR are not away on tour.

"They're all looking forward to it," said Paul. "And I'd love to play in front of them. It would be the biggest thrill of my life.

"Of course I'll be disappointed if I'm not in but whatever happens it will be good experience for me and I'll enjoy the day."

If he does get the chance to play — what of those famous Wembley nerves?

"Given the chance I'm sure I can cope with the occasion. After all I've coped with a hectic Second Division season and towards the end every League game has been like a Cup Final."

Paul is delighted Arsenal have made it to Wembley after their marathon semi-final battle with Liverpool. It could give him the chance to face his favourite player . . . Liam Brady.

We're as good as anyone

WEST Ham's Stuart Pearson goes back 'home' on Saturday — thankful that he hasn't got to endure another 90 minutes as a Wembley spectator.

It's Pearson's fourth FA Cup Final in five years and the only time he's suffered from nerves was when injury forced him to watch Manchester United's 3-2 defeat by Arsenal last season.

"When I played in the other Finals I was OK but last year I was really uptight," he said.

"It's all in your lap when you're on the field. On the bench you feel so helpless.

Pearson's other two Cup Finals were a mixture of disaster and delight . . . disaster in 1976 when Southampton brought off the shock of recent years by defeating Pearson's Manchester United 1-0, and delight a year later as Pearson scored the opening goal in United's shock 2-1 win over Liverpool.

"Scoring at Wembley is a magic feeling," added Pearson. "You feel like doing a lap of honour but as it turned out Liverpool equalised soon after and all the excitement drained from me.

"It's absolutely unbelievable to think that I'm going back



there four years out of five. It's something you only dream about."

"If we can reproduce our Cup form in the Final there's no reason why we shouldn't win. On our day we're as good as any side in the country."

I'm glad I stayed

EVERY time Arsenal get to Wembley David Price says another prayer of thanks for decision to stay at Highbury.

So often Price, the man who makes way when a new signing is introduced, seemed on the verge of a move several times. Now he prepares for his third visit to Wembley in three years.

"It's an unbelievable feeling," Price told Match Weekly. "Some players never get there at all and here I am on a hat-trick."

"I'm certainly glad I stayed at Arsenal because I think we're destined to win more trophies in the future."

"The Final will be tense because it's a derby, but we're confident. And it's great for London to provide both finalists."

Chocolate keeps Courtney going

As the Wembley tension builds up an hour before kick-off, referee George Courtney will be quietly sitting in his dressing room, fully kitted out and ready to go — eating a bar of chocolate!

The Durham official revealed: "It's a great honour to be in charge at a Cup Final, but I won't change my routine. I'm meticulous over my preparation and I'll be ready by 2 o'clock.

"But I can't imagine ever starting a match without eating my chocolate. I must have it.

"I turned up at Stuttgart recently to take charge of the UEFA Cup semi-final without it. And I had officials chasing about all over the place to get some. I won't forget this time."

Courtney, 38, a deputy



headmaster from Spennymoor who will be handling a local parks league derby match as part of his Cup Final preparation, became a Football League referee in 1974 and refereed the Arsenal - Liverpool Charity Shield last August. He will be in charge of Eire v Argentina in Dublin next Friday.

Holland final c

WEST Ham's experienced midfielder, Pat Holland, will today know whether or not he has missed out on what he admits may well be his last chance of a Wembley appearance.

Due to a leg injury Holland has had to be content with a seat in the stands for all but one of the Hammers previous Cup matches this season.

The only time he made the team was for the drawn semi-final match against Everton at Villa Park. He told Match Weekly:

"I'm going to be really sick if I'm not involved at Wembley. I shall be 30 next year and it

e men in the Final

THIS ONE'S FOR ME!

says hat-trick hopeful Talbot

BRIAN Talbot, the Arsenal midfielder who today stands to collect his third FA Cup Winners medal in succession, declares: "I'm keeping this one if we win."

Talbot was a Wembley winner with Ipswich in 1978 and Arsenal in 1979 but on each occasion he has given away his winners medal... although to whom he won't say.

But Talbot, the man who scored the all-important goal to end the marathon with Liverpool in the semi-final claims he hasn't thought too much about the incredible hat-trick feat he could achieve today.

"I don't bother too much about records. Obviously three on the trot would be nice though — I could put up with it for a few more years.

"It's always nice to go back to Wembley with all the atmosphere that goes with it and we don't want to lose —

we do that in the Charity Shield every year."

Looking back on his headed goal at Highfield Road that put Arsenal in their third FA Cup Final in three years, he said: "At the time I didn't think it would be the winner but I always felt we could put them out."

Of the game in prospect today and Arsenal's opponents, West Ham, Talbot said: "I think it will be a good game — there's going to be some good players in the Final. West Ham have a few like Alan Devonshire, Billy Bonds and Trevor Brooking. I think it will be an attractive show."

Talbot has another reason for wanting victory today: "When I was with Ipswich we lost 2-1 to West Ham when I thought it was going to be our year to win the Cup."

Brain Talbot — on a hat-trick of winners medals

d hopes for a hance

might be the last chance that myself, Trevor Brooking and Billy Bonds have of playing in a Cup Final at Wembley.

"I'm confident the leg will be alright by the day of the match and I can only hope that John Lyall wants me in the team."

Looking forward to Wembley, Holland added: "When it comes down to it we would have chosen Liverpool as Final opponents — it had to be them because of qualifying for Europe."

"But I used to be Arsenal potty as a kid — I was always watching them before I got on West Ham's books."

Willie Young sums up Arsenal's fantastic Cup record in one word... "attitude". "In League games you know that if you drop a point you can always pick up two the following week."

"In the one-off Cup situations you try that little bit harder. If you wake up with tired legs you know you've got to snap out of it. For League games you don't worry."

And Young has no fears that having disposed of everybody's favourites in the semi-final Arsenal will now dismiss West Ham as easy meat.

"I've always known West Ham as a good footballing side and now they've added a touch of steel into the side with players like Ray Stewart. It should be a good Final."



We want to hang on to the Cup

FRANK Stapleton steps out of the Wembley tunnel today (Saturday) with this battle cry: "It's our Cup and we're determined to keep it."

"There are no mugs in the Final and we'll show West Ham as much respect as we showed Liverpool."

Stapleton was quick to scotch speculation that Arsenal would struggle to last the pace at Wembley following their semi-final saga.

"There's no need to build up your strength for Wembley — the occasion itself is enough."

"Sure we were tired after the Coventry replay, but then I always feel tired at the end of a game."

"You haven't been fair to yourself if you come off the field not feeling tired."

A drop of the hard stuff for Billy Bonds

PAT Holland will cross himself when he steps out onto the Wembley turf. He's not a Catholic — it's just something he does before every game and the FA Cup Final is no place to change the pre-match rituals which are such a part of footballer's lives.

The crowd may not notice the badge on David Cross's jacket but it's sure to be there.

Gonzo the Muppet is the face on the badge and it was given to him as a joke the day West Ham played Burnley in a League game. Cross scored two that day and he's worn it on match days ever since.

When the West Ham team file out onto the pitch midfield stars Alan Devonshire and Trevor

Brooking will be bringing up the rear as always.

And before all that Pat Holland and skipper Billy Bonds will each have a quick swig of whisky before they leave the dressing room... just for luck.

Lest, but not least, expect to see all the West Ham players smartly dressed when they step out to inspect the Wembley turf before the kick-off.

Explains Holland: "When we played Fulham in 1975 a few of us were wearing our 'lucky suits', but Fulham players were all turned out in new £200 mohair outfits. They made us look scruffy so we have knocked that one on the head."

A LOOK AT WEST HAM'S



No way through for Albion's Peter Barnes as, left to right, Geoff Pike, Alvin Martin and Ray Stewart combine to halt his progress on goal during Hammers' 2-1 Third Round replay victory.

Arms still aloft, there's disappointment for Paul Allen as he realises the ref is disallowing his semi-final effort against Everton.



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**But it all
had a happy
ending for
goalkeeper
Phil Parkes**



ABOVE: It's 0-0... there's a minute left... and West Ham have a penalty! No wonder Phil Parkes couldn't bear to watch as Ray Stewart (BELOW) stepped up to take the kick. But he needn't have worried. Hot-shot Ray slammed in the chance to give Hammers a 1-0 Sixth Round victory against Aston Villa and a semi-final crack against Everton. And as for Phil (jumping for joy, BELOW, LEFT) the roar of the crowd told him all was o.k.



YOUR F.A. CUP FINAL LINE-UP

ARSENAL

Pat Jennings

Pat Rice

David O'Leary

Willie Young

Steve Walford

Sammy Nelson

John Devine

David Price

Brian Talbot

Liam Brady

Graham Rix

Alan Sunderland

Frank Stapleton

Paul Vaessen

WEST HAM

Phil Parkes

Ray Stewart

Paul Brush

Billy Bonds

Alvin Martin

Frank Lampard

Pat Holland

Paul Allen

Geoff Pike

Trevor Brooking

Alan Devonshire

Stuart Pearson

David Cross

Jimmy Neighbour

Referee: George Courtney
(Spennymoor)

Linesmen: Alan Robinson
(Waterlooville) and John Byles
(Oxford)

In the event of today's game
ending in a draw (after extra
time) the replay will be at
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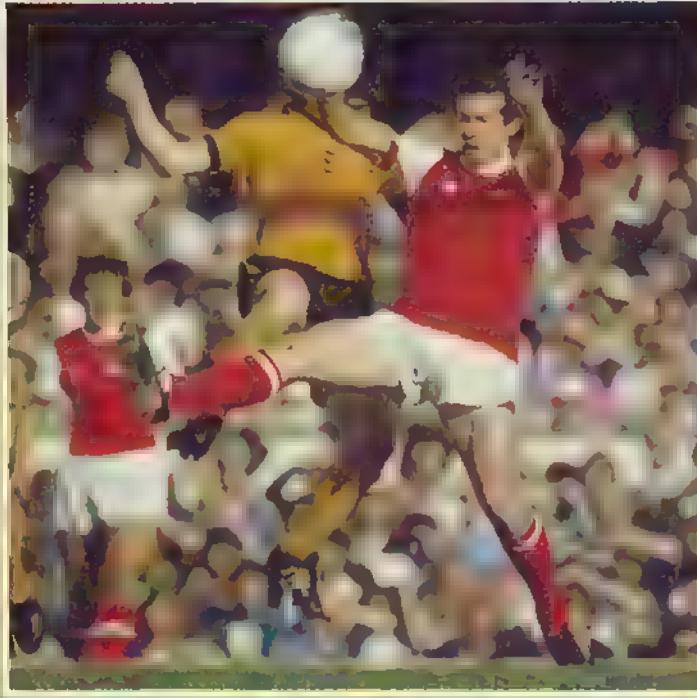


West Ham's Phil Parkes became Britain's most expensive goalkeeper when he moved from QPR for more than £500,000. His superb display in the first semi-final against Everton is one good reason why the Hammers rate at Wembley.

Left: Wembley is becoming a second home for West Ham striker Stuart Pearson. This will be his third Cup Final in the past five years and he missed a fourth appearance through injury.

Below: Pat Jennings, one of seven Irishmen in the Arsenal squad; played a major part in his team's march on their third consecutive Cup Final.

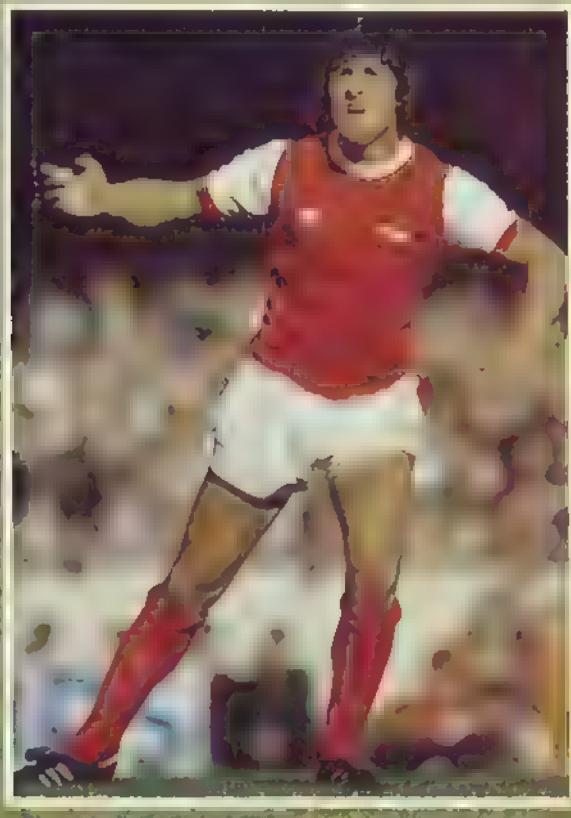
Liam Brady, pictured here in a challenge with Wolves' Willie Carr, faces a classic midfield confrontation with Trevor Brooking.



Trevor Brooking is no stranger to Wembley and his ability to play penetrating balls is crucial to the Hammers' chances of finding a hole in the Arsenal defence.



Main picture: Alan Sunderland steals the lion's share of last year's FA Cup glory as he knobs in a Graham Rix cross for Arsenal's last-dash winner against



WEST HAM



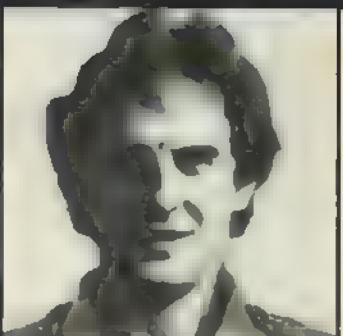
BILLY BONDS (captain, defender): Led West Ham in two finals — FA Cup in 1975 and European CWC in '76. Signed from Charlton Athletic for £50,000, May 1967. Played in over 550 League games. Born: Woolwich. Ht: 5ft 0½in. Wt: 12st 12lb.



PHIL PARKES (goalkeeper): Joined QPR from Walsall in 1970 for £15,000 and signed for West Ham February last year for over £500,000 — record for a goalkeeper. Born: Sedgley. Ht: 5ft 2in. Wt: 14st 5lb.



FRANK LAMPARD (defender): Longest serving Hammer. Signed from West Ham Boys team in 1964. Has logged more than 420 games. Capped at England Youth, Under-23 and full international. Born: London. Ht: 5ft 11in. Wt: 12st 9lb.



PAUL BRUSH (defender): Signed as apprentice, 1974, made debut three years later. Now nearly 100 League appearances. Played for West Ham in the 1975 FA Youth Cup Final. Born: Plaistow. Ht: 5ft 11in. Wt: 11st 7lb.



TREVOR BROOKING (midfield): A master craftsman he was already an England Schoolboy star when he joined the Hammers as an apprentice nearly 15 years ago. Thirty full England caps, holds one FA Cup Winners' medal from the 1975 Wembley victory over Fulham. Born: Barking. Ht: 5ft 0½in. Wt: 13st 1lb.



PAT HOLLAND (midfield): Joined West Ham in 1967 and can look back on appearances in two finals — FA Cup in 1975 and Cup Winners' Cup in 1976. Born: Limehouse. Ht: 5ft 10in. Wt: 11st 6lb.



PAUL ALLEN (midfield): First full season: stands to become the youngest ever FA Cup finalist at 17. England Youth player (12 caps), cousin Clive plays for QPR and his uncle, Les, was a member of Spurs' double winning side. Small but a busy player with steel in midfield. Born: London. Ht: 5ft 5in. Wt: 10st 5lb.



STUART PEARSON (striker): Third time at Wembley in five seasons. Scored in FA Cup final in Men's 1977 win over Liverpool. Left Hull City for Old Trafford in 1974 and joined West Ham last August. Won 15 full England caps with United. Born: Hull. Ht: 5ft 9in. Wt: 12st 2½lb.

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PAT RICE (captain, defender): Also captain of Northern Ireland, he joined Arsenal in 1976 as a junior and has since made nearly 400 first team League appearances. Solid tackler on right side of the back four with flair for overlapping. Born: Belfast. Ht: 5ft 8in. Wt: 11st 7lb.



PAT JENNINGS (goalkeeper): World class 'keeper who started his career with Watford. Made his name with Tottenham, before moving to Arsenal in 1977. Over 80 caps for N. Ireland are testimony of his consistency at top level. Born: Newry. Ht: 5ft. Wt: 12st 6lb.



DAVID O'LEARY (defender): Arguably the best central defender in the First Division, he joined Highbury in 1973 and made his debut at 17. Eire, international, dangerous moving forward. Born: London. Ht: 5ft 10in. Wt: 11st 3lb.



BRIAN TALBOT (midfield): Scorer of the goal that took the Gancers to Wembley, he's looking for a history-making third successive FA Cup Winners' medal, after gaining one with Ipswich in 1978 and Arsenal last season. Non-stop worker who has recovered three times from a broken leg. Born: Ipswich. Ht: 5ft 10in. Wt: 12st 2lb.



DAVID PRICE (midfield): Another product of the Arsenal youth scheme, he has established himself in the first team, making his debut in 1973. Fine support player deadly free close range. Born: Caterham. Ht: 5ft 11in. Wt: 12st 2lb.



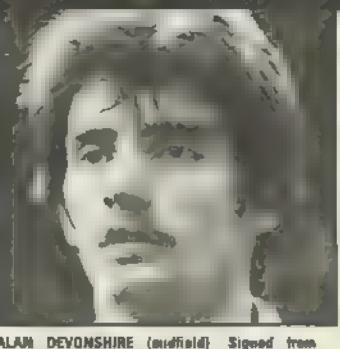
GRAHAM RIX (midfield): Exciting prospect, playing wide on the left. Scored on his League debut in 1977 and has since been capped by England at Under-21 level. Born: Doncaster. Ht: 5ft 9in. Wt: 11st.



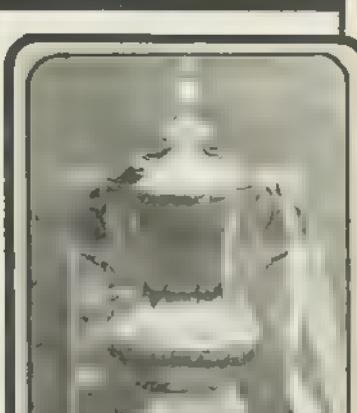
LIAM BRADY (midfield) One of the most creative players in the game. 'Chippy' has established himself as a world class player with a rare ability to bend free-kicks. Ein international. Born: Dublin. Ht: 5ft 7in. Wt: 10st 7lb.



ALAN SUNDERLAND (striker) Began his career as a full-back with Wolves, made his debut in 1971. Converted to attack and moved to Highbury in 1977 to strike up one of the deadliest scoring combinations in football with Frank Stapleton. England Under 23 caps. Born: Mexborough. Ht: 5ft 9in. Wt: 11st 6lb.



ALAN DEVONSHIRE (midfield) Signed from Scunthorpe for £5,000 in 1976 and ended season runner-up in the Hammer of the Year contest, won the award last season. England B international, he's an exciting player and vital cog in the Hammers' midfield. Born: Ealing. Ht: 5ft 10in. Wt: 10st 6lb.



MEET THE MEN IN THE FINAL



DAVID CROSS (striker) Started career with Rochdale, joined Norwich in 1971, Coventry in 1973, West Brom in 1976 and finally came to rest at West Ham in 1977. Top marksman for Hammers this season. Target man for the West Ham crosses and a great header. Born: Sury. Ht: 5ft 0½in. Wt: 12st.



GEOFF PIKE (midfield) In Hammers' 1975 FA Youth Cup Final team he reached first team status the following year. Signed for Hammers as an apprentice in 1973 and now heading for 100 League appearances. Busy utility player with knack for vital goals. Born: Cleethorpes. Ht: 5ft 6in. Wt: 11st.



JIMMY MEIGHAN (striker) Signed from Norwich for a six figure fee. Began with Tottenhams in 1968. In Spurs side that won the League Cup in 1971 and made 112 League appearances for them before joining Norwich for £25,000 in 1976. Played in North America for Seattle Sounders, a tricky winger who gets in the by-line for pinpoint crosses. Born: Chingford. Ht: 5ft 6in. Wt: 11st 6lb.



JOHN DEVINE (defender) Another Irishman who has made the most of his opportunity in the first team, through injuries to Nelson and Rice. Product of youth scheme, mobile defender with a great future. Born: Dublin. Ht: 5ft 10in. Wt: 12st 1lb.



SAMMY NELSON (defender) Joined Arsenal in 1968, made League debut in 1969, capped over 40 times for Northern Ireland. Never afraid to attack and score vital goals on the blind side. Born: Belfast. Ht: 5ft 10in. Wt: 11st.



STEVE WALFORD (defender) Utility defender or midfielder as cover for established stars. Made two appearances for Spurs before switching to Highbury in 1977. Born: London. Ht: 6ft 1in. Wt: 11st 7lb.



WILLIE YOUNG (defender) Made his name at Aberdeen, moved to Spurs in 1975 and followed Terry Neill to Arsenal in 1977. Dazzling in the air, enjoying his most consistent season to date. Born: Midlothian. Ht: 5ft 3in. Wt: 12st 10lb.



FRANK STAPLETON (striker) Ein international, who joined Arsenal as a youth in 1972. Made League debut in 1975 alongside Malcolm MacDonald and has since combined brilliantly with Sunderland. Superb in the air but has developed his ground skills. Born: Dublin. Ht: 5ft 9in. Wt: 12st 7lb.



PAUL VAESSEN (striker) Eighteen-year-old former apprentice who shot to fame as the substitute who scored Arsenal's European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final winner at Juventus. Shows good skills in the air and on the ground. Born: Bermondsey. Ht: 6ft. Wt: 11st 3lb.



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RAY STEWART (defender/midfield) Joined Hammers from Dundee United in August for £400,000 — record for a Scottish teenager. Captained Scotland at School and Youth level and in Under-21 side for two seasons. Penalty expert. Born: Perthshire. Ht: 5ft 10in. Wt: 11st.

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Talbot's goal settles it after



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SO IN the end the longest-running FA Cup semi-final this century was settled by the man who came close to deciding it at the first attempt.

Brian Talbot, whose last-minute effort at Hillsborough sailed onto the crossbar, made no mistake when a golden opportunity came his way in the 342nd minute of this totally absorbing tie.

Our picture (left) shows David Price powering past Alan Hansen to send in a shot.

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420 minutes of Cup football

LAST!



ABOVE: Pat Jennings (right) and John Devine celebrate Arsenal's historic victory.

RIGHT: Ray Clemence connects only with Frank Stapleton in a vain attempt to clear a cross.

BETWEEN: David O'Leary just gets a boot to the ball as Ray Kennedy tries to force home an equaliser.



Midfield Masters, Terrace Talk and Outrage will be back next week

'The day takes your breath away'

SAMMY McILROY *Manchester Utd.*

"PLAYING in an FA Cup Final is unbelievable. The crowd and everything else that goes with the day takes your breath away . . . and each time I have gone back it has seemed better than ever."

"I've been lucky enough to play in three finals — and I've tasted defeat (against Southampton in 1976 and Arsenal in 1979) and victory (against Liverpool in 1978).

"Losing is a terrible feeling. You have come all that way only to get beaten and you feel tremendously disappointed for the fans as much as anything. On top of that you have missed out on a season in Europe.

"It's the day afterwards when it really hits you — when you are on your way back home. It was terrible against Arsenal last year. One minute it was unbelievable when we pulled back to level the game (United were 2-0 down with just



Sammy McIlroy

minutes to go) and then the next minute we had lost the cup.

"So much for losing, but the time we beat Liverpool in the final was great — especially as we were the underdogs. I was so excited I just couldn't seem to wind down."

"PEOPLE never stop asking me about my winning goal in the 1970 Cup Final, but few realise that I wasn't able to collect my winners medal."

"After the replay at Old Trafford I swapped jerseys with Eddie Gray and the bloke at the gate thought I was a Leeds player and held me back.

"I was so jubilant I didn't care a monkey's at the time. After the game I mentioned it as I went upstairs to the boardroom. Somebody, I've a feeling it was Brian Clough, came out and told me where could find it. I can tell you I haven't let it out of my sight much since then!"

"How can you ever forget scoring the winning goal in an FA Cup final? It was a magic feeling. I remember Ian Hutchinson took one of his long throws to Peter Osgood on the near post. It hit the top of Jack Charlton's head and came to the far post where I jumped up with a couple of defenders and knocked it in with my left cheek! I ended up in the net with the ball."

"I don't score many goals so to get the winner in the Final was unbelievable. It was especially nice because I'd taken a bit of stick after the Wembley game when Eddie

'They wouldn't let me collect my medal'

DAVID WEBB
Derby

Gray gave me the run around.

"If you remember they'd just had the showjumping on the turf and it was in a bad state. It suited the nimble players like Eddie and our own Charlie Cooke and Alan Hudson. I think they could have found a better pitch for us at Hackney Marshes that day."

IT'S LIKE HAVING WEMBLEY IN YOUR BACK GARDEN.



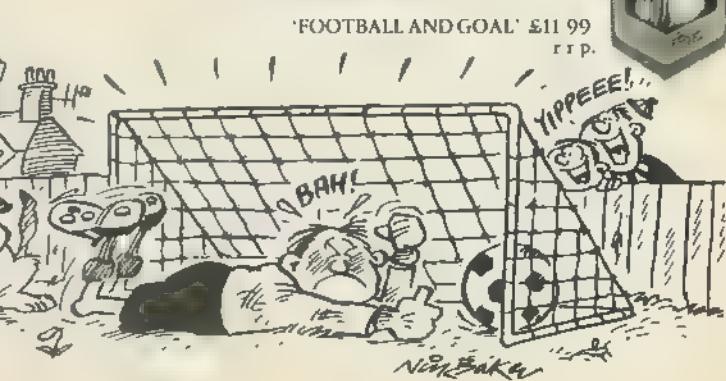
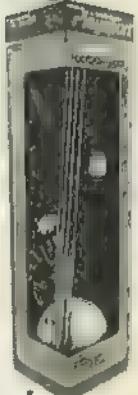
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EVERY footballer dreams of playing at Wembley in an F.A. Cup Final. For many it stays a dream . . . for others the dream comes true more than once. But only a privileged 24 make it each season.

What's it like to play in an FA Cup Final? How does it feel to walk up those famous steps to the Royal Box a Wembley winner . . . or a Wembley loser?

Reporter TREVOR HAYLETT found out by asking the players in the know . . .

There's Alan Taylor, now of Norwich, who scored both goals for West Ham in their 2-0 victory over Fulham in 1975 . . . Derby's David Webb scorer of Chelsea's winner in the 2-1 win over Leeds in 1970 . . . Manchester United's Sammy McIlroy who has appeared in three finals in the last four years and tasted victory and defeat . . . and Emlyn Hughes, of Wolves, who has almost become a Wembley legend.



My goals will live with me for ever

ALAN TAYLOR *Norwich*

"THE feeling when you walk up those steps as a Wembley winner is absolutely fantastic — definitely one of the best sensations I've ever experienced.

"It was like a dream come true for me. I only got into the team for the sixth round at Arsenal, scored two then, two more in the semi-finals and got both of goals in the final.

"I remember everything about the Cup final weekend — from when we left on the Friday to last thing Sunday night.

"The occasion didn't really hit me until we walked out on the pitch in our suits before the game. The West Ham supporters were over the other side of the ground so it meant a fair walk for us.

"The atmosphere was electrifying. It was the first time I'd ever been to Wembley and the noise knocks you out as you walk out of the tunnel.

"Surprisingly I wasn't that nervous. The dressing room was quite relaxed — I think it was because most of us hadn't been there before and we were determined to enjoy the day.

"Scoring goals means a lot to an attacker wherever he gets them but obviously these two were a bit special and will stay with me for ever.

"It's definitely my most memorable match — because of the fact that it was the final and because I got the two goals that brought the Cup to West Ham."

EMLYN HUGHES *Wolves*

'Like going home!'

"I'VE walked up those Wembley steps to collect a Cup medal so many times I feel as if I know everyone along the way!

"But no matter how many times you've been there it's still an absolutely magical feeling.

"That 50-yard climb to the Royal Box is the most tiring of the day. It's such an emotional feeling and you have been so tense that when the final whistle goes you feel absolutely shattered.

"I never found playing at Wembley made me tired but the emotion and tenseness of the occasion definitely gets to you.

"Leading the side out of the tunnel before the game is

another fantastic moment for a captain. The first thing you do is look towards your wife and kids in the stand and then it's 100 per cent concentration on the game.

"You're aware of the noise when you come out to inspect the pitch at 2 o'clock but quite honestly when the game's in progress you're not conscious of it.

"The only time I've really had to play a captain's role in a Wembley final was this season for Wolves. Hardly any of the team had been there before but when I captained Liverpool it was just like going home — we seemed to play there every year."



Alan Taylor: "The Wembley atmosphere was electrifying. The noise knocks you out as you walk out of the tunnel."

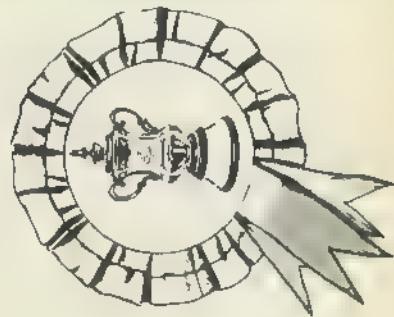
Good luck to both teams

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Watford	1	Arsenal	2
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THE EARLY ROUNDS.



On the Hampden

Scottish Cup Final preview



McGrain

"WE HAVE had some bad results lately, but Hampden Cup finals are different — especially against Rangers. It's all about pride; we'll not give in.

"Big Derek Johnstone will be a danger to us. He can be out of the game for 90 minutes, then step in with a match-winner. Young John McDonald will be a handful, too. He gave me a real roasting in a reserve match once, he turned me inside out, but it won't happen again!

"Our chief threat will come from Johnny Doyle — he's a real buzz-bomb, who's been playing well this season — and, of course, Davie Provan. We'll be looking to them to cause Rangers some real problems."

IT IS no surprise that the 'Old Firm' of Celtic and Rangers will be contesting Saturday's FA Cup Final at Hampden. Celtic have won it 25 times, the last time in 1977 with a penalty goal defeat of Rangers, while the blues have won 23 of the 35 Finals they have appeared in.

On this, the first of a five-page preview, we talk to the captains, Danny McGrain and Derek Johnstone, who again appear in colour MATCH MAKERS on pages 30 and 40. Aberdeen's Gordon Strachan gives his views of the finalists on Page 33 with the 'Road to Hampden' MATCH RATINGS on 34. It makes fascinating reading.

PHOTOFILE... Above: Bobby Lennox scores Celtic's first Cup goal against Reith. Right: Aberdeen's Willie Miller looks stunned after Derek Johnstone (below) had scored Rangers' semi-final winner.



Johnstone

"WE'LL win because we have more potential goalscorers. As well as me there is John McDonald, Davie Cooper, Gordon Smith and Bobby Russell. And Jackson, Stevens and Forsyth are always a great danger at set pieces.

"Apart from the Dryborough Cup, we haven't beaten Celtic this season in the League. It was the same story against Aberdeen in the League but we beat them in the semi-final, so there could be an omen there. We're due for a win.

"Like any old firm game, it will be tight and exciting early on. Davie Provan and Johnny Doyle will be the main danger, but I'm sure Sandy Jardine and Ally Dawson will do a good marking job on them. I take us to win 2-1.

Derek Johnstone RANGERS

FULL NAME: Derek Joseph Johnstone

BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Dundee, November 11, 1953

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft — 13st 4lb

MARRIED: Yes, to Marion

CHILDREN: Twin girls, Heather and Donna aged 6 months

CAR: Beige Capri, but I don't drive, the wife does
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None, I joined Rangers straight from Linlathan High School, Dundee

CLUB NICKNAME: Ben

FAVOURITE LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Terry McDermott of Liverpool Phenomenal stamina with a gift for scoring important goals

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Mario Kempes — so quick to see a scoring chance

BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, McGrain, McKinnon, Moore, Cooper, Greig, McDermott, Brady, Keegan, Law, Best, Sub: Dalglish

BEST ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks (England), McGrain (Scotland), Passarella (Argentina), Krol (Holland), Cuccureddu (Italy), Gerson (Brazil), Kempes (Argentina), Rivelino (Brazil), Pele (Brazil), Di Stefano, Gento (Spain)

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Pittodrie (Aberdeen)

BEST GOAL SCORED: 20 yard volley v Celtic at Ibrox, 5 years ago

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Archie Gemmill's solo effort Holland in Argentina 1978

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Johan Cruyff

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Rangers Cup Winners' Cup final win in Barcelona in 1973 (3-2 v Moscow Dynamo)

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Scoring the goal that beat Celtic in the 1970 Scottish Cup final. I was only 16

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing 1-0 to Cologne in the European Cup first leg at Ibrox, then going out after drawing 1-1 in Germany

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, tennis

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Do-it-yourself

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Washing nappies

FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Paul McCartney

FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything Italian

FAVOURITE DRINK: Coca-Cola

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: West Germany

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Bo Derek

BEST FILMS SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Kramer vs Kramer, One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Jock Wallace, John Greig

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Travelling back from games after defeat

SUPERSTITIONS: I always carry a ball out

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 15 full Scotland caps, four Under 23, two Youth, three Schoolboy.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the European Cup

A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: John McDonald.

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‘Why I go for Rangers’



Johnny Doyle — a constant menace to any defence, says Aberdeen's Footballer of the Year Gordon Strachan.

ABERDEEN have been a real thorn in the side of Saturday's Scottish FA Cup finalists Rangers and Celtic. In 13 meetings against the big two the Dons have lost only twice, so who better to give his views of the finalists than Dons' dynamic midfield player Gordon Strachan, recently elected the Scottish football writers' 'Footballer of the Year'.

"Forecasting a winner in an 'Old Firm' match is notoriously difficult," says Gordon. "It will be tight, hard fought and totally unpredictable. I feel Rangers will make it eventually — but don't be surprised if it goes to a replay."

This is how I see the respective players on either side . . . with my ratings out of 10.

Strachan's analysis

Rating	CELTIC	RANGERS	Rating
7	Latchford	McCloy	8
8	McGrain	Jardine	8
8	McAdam	Jackson	8
7	McDonald	Forsyth	7
7	Sneddon	Dawson	8
8	Aitken	Russell	8
7	MacLeod	Stevens	7
5	Burns	Smith	7
7	Conroy	McLean	7
9	Provan	Miller	7
8	McGarvey	Cooper	7
6	Doyle	Johnstone	8
9	Lennox	MacDonald J	8
8	McCluskey	MacDonald A	7
10		TOTAL	7



Gordon Strachan, seen with a recent Mackinlay's award, tips Rangers.

—by Footballer of the Year Gordon Strachan of Aberdeen

CELTIC

PETER LATCHFORD 7

"Good at saving my penalty kicks! Can be either brilliant or to put it kindly, not impressive. There are no half measures with big Peter."

DANNY McGRAIN 8

"A world class player before his injury and still the main source of experience in the side. A very hard tackler."

TOM McADAM 8

"Having a great season. Reads the game brilliantly probably because at one time he was a striker himself."

RODDY McDONALD 7

"Very good in the air and causes problems when he comes up for corners. Not one of the best tacklers."

ALAN SNEDDON 7

"A consistent player who is good on the overlap but suspect on defence."

ROY AITKEN 7

"Works like a beast and really urges on the side. If he and I could play as well as we talk we'd be world beaters."

MURDO MacLEOD 7

"Not having his best season. I'd like to see him attacking more. I feel that's the job he does best."

TOMMY BURNS 8

"Could be a world beater but lacks something — I'm not sure what. Tends to get over involved."

MIKE CONROY 7

"Still on the fringes of things but is basically an honest hard working player."

DAVIE PROVAN 9

"Going through a bad patch right now but Celtic's match winner."

JOHNNY DOYLE 8

"Constant menace to any defence and totally committed to the club."

FRANK McGARVEY 8

"Not yet match fit and has still to live up to the potential he showed before leaving St Mirren."

BOBBY LENNOX 8

"He has done it all. A great man to have in your side because of his experience and temperament."

GEORGE McGIBNEY 8

"The only natural goalscorer in the squad. Makes even penalty kicking look easy. Has to be watched constantly."

RANGERS

PETER McCLOY 8

"Played a great game against us in the semi-final. It's said he is not good at low balls but can't say I've noticed. A very good goalkeeper."

SANDY JARDINE 6

"Doesn't overlap as much as he used to but is still a great user of the ball."

COLIN JACKSON 8

"Probably the most reliable defender at Ibrox. I've played against him over the years and have rarely seen him have a bad game."

TOM FORSYTH 7

"I'm not sure he has got over his injury problems and he still wants to win wars everywhere. Certainly does not lack courage. You always know he's there."

ALLY DAWSON 9

"Best left back in the league. Hard but fair and uses the ball well. I'm very impressed with him."

BOBBY RUSSELL 8

"A great user of the ball who also finds space well. Hits spectacular goals and takes a lot of watching."

GREGOR STEVENS 7

"Not showing his best form at the moment but always works hard."

GORDON SMITH 7

"A great touch player who needs to be stopped early before he starts one of his long runs."

TOMMY McLEAN 8

"Still the best crosser of a ball in the business. A very intelligent player with great vision."

ALEX MILLER 7

"Marked me in the semi, so he must be good! A good hard honest professional — a players' player."

DAVIE COOPER 8

"Player with the best vision in the Rangers side and on his day a very dangerous player indeed."

DEREK JOHNSTONE 8

"Not the hardest working of players but always liable to score."

JOHN McDONALD 9

"Another natural goalscorer. Apart from Alex McLeish I rate him the brightest up-and-coming youngster in the game."

ALEX McDONALD 7

"A great competitor who seems certain to start out on the bench and loves to come on in Finals."

WHERE THE FINAL MAY BE WON OR LOST



THIS IS IT . . . MATCH WEEKLY'S exclusive guide to the 1980 Scottish FA Cup final at Hampden on Saturday.

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RANGERS

Players	v Clyde (A) 2-0, Jardine Pen, Jackson (H) 1-0, Johnstone, Att. 26,000	v Dundee (H) 1-0, Johnstone, Att. 26,000	v Hearts (H) 6-1, McDonald, Att. 31,000	v Aberdeen (at Partick) 1-0, Johnstone (A) 44,000	Avg.
McCloy	7	7	8*	7.33	
Jardine	8*	7	7	7.33	
Dawson	7	7	7	7.00	
Miller	6		7	6.50	
Forsyth	7	7	6	6.66	
Stevens	6	7	6	6.33	
Cooper	7	8*	6	7.00	
Russell	6	7	6	6.33	
Johnstone	7	6	7	6.66	
Smith	6	6	6	6.00	
MacDonald J.	7	7	6	6.33	
Jackson		7	7	7.00	

Team rating 6.79

Leading scorer in Cup: Derek Johnstone (3) · Total attendance: 113,800 (Average attendance 37,933). Top players: Goalkeeper Peter McCloy and defender Sandy Jardine 7.33 plus one star man award each. Goals for: 10, against 1.

* Man of the Match

Sandy Jardine

"THIS will be my sixth final and like all the others it will be very, very tense.

"We'll be looking to score in the first 15 minutes. If we do we'll be able to relax and play some open football.

"Of the five times we have played Celtic this season, I've played sweeper four times and as a full back once. On Saturday it will probably be my job to mark Doyle, one of the danger men with Provan. They're both quick and skilful, but the strength of Roy Aitken could also have a bearing on the game.

"Having beaten Aberdeen, who are going so well, we're confident we can repeat that 3-1 Drybrough Cup win in August. It would be great, too if I could score another goal like I did that day!"

CELTIC

Players	v Raith (H) 2-0, Lennox, Doyle, Att. 78,000	v St Mirren (H) 1-1, McLeod, Att. 32,000	v St Mirren (A) 3-2, Doyle, Att. 27,150	v Morton (H) 2-0, McCluskey, Casey Att. 35,000	v Hibernian (at Hampden) 5-0, McLeod, Provan, Doyle Att. 72,925	Avg.
Latchford		7	7	6	7	6.75
Sneddon		7	7	6	7	6.75
McGrain		7	8	8*	7	7.50
Aitken		7	8	6	7	7.33
MacDonald		7	7	6	7	6.75
McAdam		7	6	6	7	6.25
Provan	8*	9*	7	8*	8.00	
Sullivan	6	8	6	6	6.00	
Lennox	8	8	6	7	6.75	
McLeod	6	8	6	7	6.75	
Doyle	7	8	7	7	7.25	
McCluskey		8	8	6	7.00	
Casey			6	6	6.00	
McGarvey				6	6.00	

Team rating 6.79

Leading scorer in Cup: Johnny Doyle (4) · Total attendance: 185,091 (Average attendance 37,018). Top player: Davie Provan 8.00 plus three star man awards. Goals for: 13, against 3.

* Man of the Match

Davie Provan

"OUR tremendous enthusiasm will carry us through against Rangers, I'm sure. Most of us have never won a Scottish FA Cup winners medal before and that will be a great incentive — we won't want to miss out.

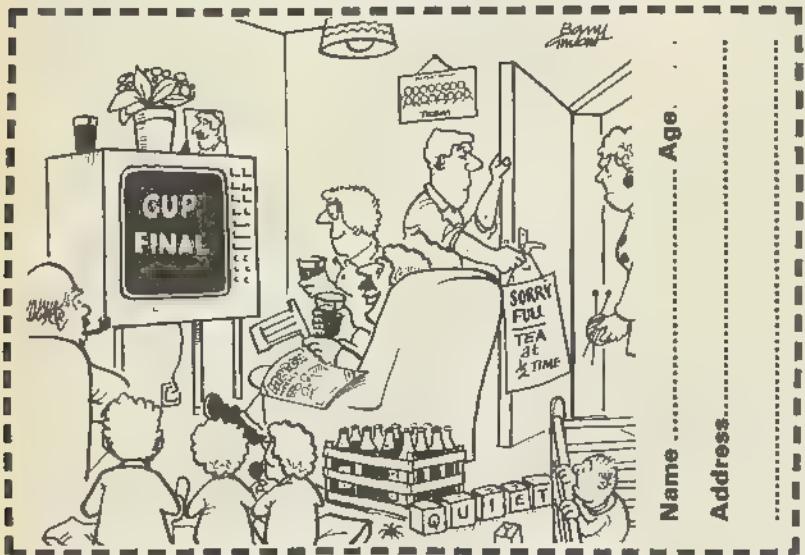
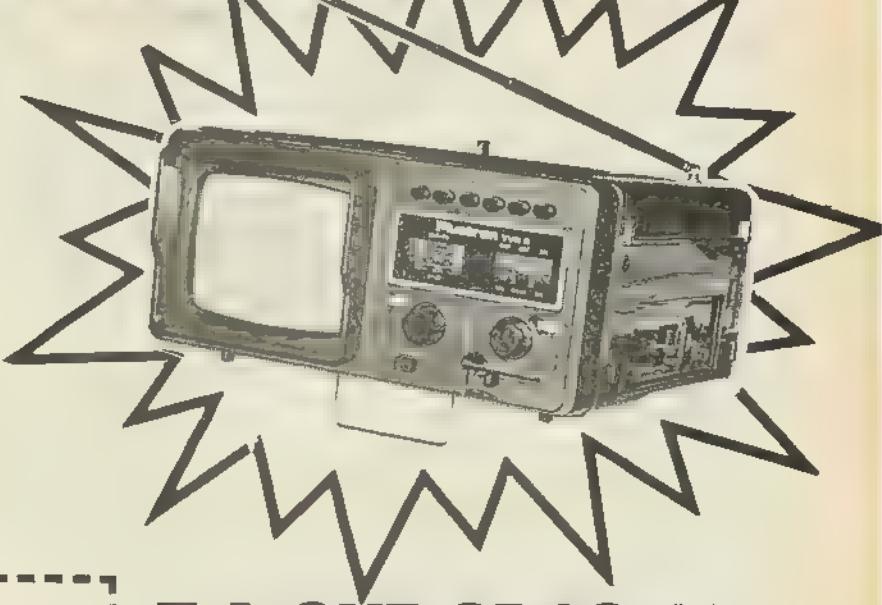
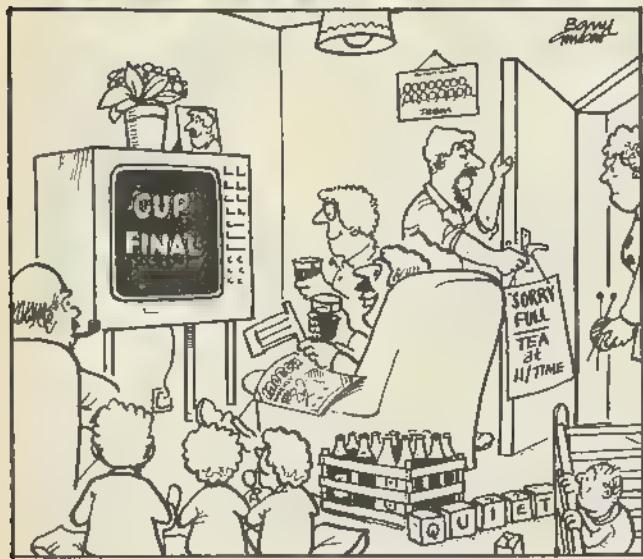
"The big pitch will suit me, though I've never been on a winning side at Hampden. I've got a feeling about this one — it could be fourth time lucky.

"We'll have to watch Davie Cooper and John McDonald closely, they can be unstoppable at times.

"Johnny Doyle will be a big danger to Rangers, he has had a tremendously consistent season — something I've been lacking — and he thrives in these 'Old Firm' games.

Danny McGrain in Colour — see page 40

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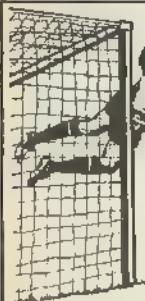
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Att: 600

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STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 (Newman 16)
Att: 550

Monday, April 28

FA Cup, Semi-Final, Second Replay

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Sunderland 13 secs)
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Dalglish 90)
Att: 42,975
At Villa Park, Birmingham
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Liverpool: Clemence 7, Neal 7, Kennedy, A 5 (sub. Fairclough 7), Thompson 7, Kennedy, R 7, Hansen 7, ★DALGLISH 9, Lee 7, Johnson 8, McDermott 7, Souness 8.
Referee: P. Partridge (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division One

EVERTON (0) 0
WBA (0) 0
Att: 20,356
Everton: Woods 8, Gidman 7, Bailey 7, ★WRIGHT 9, Lyons 7, Ross 8, Eastoe 6, Stanley 7, Latchford 6, Hartford 8, McBride 7.
WBA: ★GODDEN 9, Batson 8, Cowdrill 7, Moses 7, Wile 7, Robertson 7, Monaghan 8, Trewick 7, Regis 7, Owen 8, Barnes 6.
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH Second Division

ALBION (0) 1 (Houston 83)
BRECHIN (1) 1 (Campbell 35)
Att: 640

Tuesday, April 29

Division One

COVENTRY (0) 1 (Wallace 74)
ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Gibson 37, Cowans, pen 63)
Att: 17,969
Coventry: Blyth 7, Coop 6, Barnes 6, ★HUNT 8, Dyson 6, Gillespie 7, Van Gool 7, Wallace 7, Thompson 7, English 5 (sub. Thomas 7), Hutchinson 6.
Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 7, Gibson 7, Blake 5, Ormsby 7, Heard 6, Bremner 7, Shaw 7, Geddis 6, ★COWANS 8, Linton 7.
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 5 (Boyer 46, 52, 66, Hayes 50, Channon 84)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 2 (Mabbutt 68, 70)
Att: 16,309

Southampton: Wells 6, Golac 7, Waldron 6, ★WILLIAMS 8, Watson 7, Nicholl 7, Hebbard 7, Boyer 7, Channon 7, Holmes 6, Hayes 7 (sub. Rogers 6).
Bristol City: Cashley 7, Sweeney 5, Whitehead 6, ★GOW 8, Gillies 6, Tainton 6, Fitzpatrick 5, Ritchie 5 (sub. Mabbutt 7), Royle 5, Mann 6, Pritchard 5.
Referee: M. Bidmead (Surrey)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Two

OLDHAM (0) 0
WEST HAM (0) 0
Att: 8,214
Oldham: McDonnell 6, Hoolickin 5, Holt 6, ★KOWENICKI 8, Clements 7, Blair 6, Heaton 5, Keegan 6, Steel 5 (sub. Wood 5), Stainrod 6, Atkinson 6.
West Ham: ★PARKES 8, Lampard 7, Brush 5, Bonds 6, Martin 5, Allen 6, Neighbour 7, Pike 6 (sub. Morgan 5), Cross 5, Brooking 7, Stewart 6.
Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BURY (1) 1 (Johnson 4)
BLACKBURN (1) 2 (Crawford 24, 67)
Att: 13,369
Bury: Forrest 7, Howard 6, ★WADDINGTON 8, Whitehead 7, Bradley 7, Waldron 6, Lugg 6, McIlwraith 6, Madden 7, Johnson 6, Hilton 5 (sub. Graham).
Blackburn: Butcher 7, ★RATHBONE 8, Fazackerley 7, Keeley 7, Branagan 7, Brosteron 7, Kendall 7, Parkes 6 (sub. Thorley), McKenzie 6, Garner 6, Crawford 7.
Referee: E. B. Bray (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0
CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 (Moss 37, Salmon 38)
Att: 13,896
Sheff Utd: Richardson 7, Cutbush 7, Tibbott 6, Kenworthy 7, McPhail 7, Matthews 6, Flood 6 (sub. Casey 6), ★SPEIGHT 8, Verde 6, Sabella 7, Garner 6.
Chesterfield: Tingay 7, Stirk 7, O'Neill 6, Ridley 7, Hunter 6, Bonnyman 7, Birch 7, Moss 8, Tatt 6, Salmon 7, Walker 7.
Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★★

SWINDON (0) 1 (Rowlands 62)
MILLWALL (0) 0
Att: 8,017
Swindon: Allan 7, Templeman 6, Ford 7, Cockerill 6, Lewis 7, Carter 7, Miller 5, Kamara 7, ★ROWLAND 8, Mayes 6, Williams 7.
Millwall: ★JACKSON 8, Sittow 6, Gregory 6, Chatterton 5, Tagg 7, Blyth 7, Towner 6, Mehmet 7, Mitchell 6 (sub. Kitchener 7), Lyons 6, Coleman 7.
Referee: E. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

HALIFAX (1) 3 (Firth 28, 62, Evans 89)
TORQUAY (2) 3 (Lawrence 19, Cox 36, 72)
Att: 1,022
Halifax: Kilner 5, Dunleavy 6, Hutt 7.

Evans 7, Harris 6, Goodman 6, Firth 7, ★KENNEDY 8, Allatt 7, Burke 6, Smith 6.

Torquay: O'Keefe 6, Pethard 7, Ritchie 7, Twitchin 6, Wilson 6, Larmour 6, Coffill 6, Lawrence 7, ★COX 8, Levy 7, Marmon 7.
Referee: M. W. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★★

ROCHDALE (0) 2 (Seal 52, O'Loughlin 58)

NEWPORT (0) 0
Att: 1,671
Rochdale: ★FELGATE 8, Hart 7, Cliff 7, Milligan 7, Bannon 6, Weir 7, Jones 6, O'Loughlin 6, Hilditch 6, Seal 6, Wann 7.
Newport: Plumley 6, Walden 6, Davies 6, Bruton 7, ★OAKES 8, Bailey 6 (sub. Tynan), Vaughan 7, Lowndes 6, Gwyther 7, Aldridge 6, Moore 7.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★★★

SCOTTISH

Premier Division

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Holt 49)
ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Strachan 16)

Att: 15,000
Dundee Utd: Graham 6, Kirkwood 7, ★STARK 8, Phillip 6, Hegarty 6, Narey 7, Bannon 7, Sturrock 7, Pettigrew 5 (sub. Milne 6), Holt 6, Dodds 6.
Aberdeen: Clark 7, Kennedy 6, Rougie 6, McMaster 6, McLeish 6, Miller 7, Strachan 6, ★ARCHIBALD 8, McGhee 5 (sub. Hamilton 5), Jarvie 5 (sub. Watson 5), Scanlon 6.

Referee: D. S. Downie (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★★

HIBERNIAN (1) 2 (Rae 38, Torrance 60)
ST MIRREN (1) 1 (Sommer, pen 30)

Att: 2,590
Hibs: McArthur 7, Brown 6, Duncan 6, ★PATERSON 8, Stewart 7, Hutchinson 5 (sub. Torrance 6), Murray 6 (sub. Reid 5), McNamara 7, Rae 7, Brazil 7, Cormack 7.
St Mirren: Thompson 6, Young 5, Munro 6 (sub. Beckett 5), Abercrombie 6, Fulton 6, ★COPLAND 8, Bone 6, Stark 7, Sommer 6, Weir 6, Logan 6 (sub. Curran 6).
Referee: W. Anderson (East Kilbride)
Match Rating: ★★★

Wednesday, April 30

Division One

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 2 (Jones, og 3, Francis 59)
NORWICH (0) 0

Att: 21,242
Nottingham Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 6, Gray 8, McGovern 6, Lloyd 7, Burns 8, Mills 6, Bowles 6, Birtles 7, ★FRANCIS 9, Robertson 7.
Norwich: Handsbury 6, Bond 6, McDowell 6, ★BARHAM 8, Jones 6, Symonds 6, Woods 6 (sub. Mendham), Shepherd 6, Robson 6, Paddon 6, Peters 7.
Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★★★

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QUESTION OF SPORT

Picture round answers:

1. Roger Osborne, 2. Tommy Cassidy, 3. Billy Jennings, 4. Ian Porterfield.

STOP THE ACTION

Pic A: Brady crossed for Stapleton to score Arsenal's second goal in last year's FA Cup final against Manchester United. Pic B: Alex Stepney, Manchester United, fails to stop Bobby Stokes' shot which won the cup for Southampton in 1976.

INDIVIDUAL ROUND

1. Most individual goals in a cup tie, 9 for Bournemouth v Margate 1971. 2. Spurs in

1967, 3. Derek Johnstone, 4. Jim McAlligie for Sheffield Wednesday and Southampton. 5. None, although he won losers medals in '68 and '72. 6. Brian Talbot of Arsenal.

HOME AND AWAY

HOME: 1. Liverpool and Wolves. 2. Aberdeen. 3. Derby County. 4. 1959. 5. Peter Rodriguez. 6. Harlow Town.
AWAY: 1. Stamford Bridge. 2. Huddersfield, Bradford City or Portsmouth. 3. Falkirk and Inverness Thistle. 4. Ronnie Simpson of Newcastle and Celtic. 5. Manchester Utd in 1957 and Liverpool in 1977. 6. Don Revie Leeds 72, Man City 56, Bob Stokoe Sunderland 73, Newcastle 55, and Bill Shankly

Liverpool 74, Preston 38.

MYSTERY PLAYERS

(a) Clive Woods, (b) Graham Paddon.

MINUTE ROUND

1. (a) Watford (b) Wigan (c) Chester (d) Notts Forest (e) Birmingham. 2. Middlesbrough, Crystal Palace, Brighton, Coventry, Stoke and Norwich. 3. West Brom, Everton, Ray Kennedy for Arsenal in 1971 and Terry McDermott and Alan Kennedy for Newcastle in 1974. 4. 1979, Alan Sunderland, 1978, Roger Osborne, 1977, Jimmy Greenhoff, 1976, Bobby Stokes, 1975 Alan Taylor.

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

WINNER of the cassette radio in our Spot the Difference Competition No. 9 was Mark Basham, of 13 Slades Drive, Chislehurst, Kent.

Five runners-up each win a football. They were James Lewis, 69 Buxton Drive, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex; Neil Stewart, 40 Ferguson Ave., Greasby, Wirral, Merseyside; D. Fox, 4 Yarmouth Rd., LoWesftow, Suffolk; Miss C. Roberts, 2 St. Thomas Crescent, Haymarket, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Ian Scoging, 64 Ashington Rd, Rochford, Essex.

Solution: 1. Fan missing (bottom left hand corner); 2. Moustache missing on player in front of referee; 3. Badge missing from player in front of ref; 4. Armband missing from player in front of ref; 5. Linesman's flag now raised; 6. No. 9 missing from player's shirt; 7. Player talking to linesman has different shirt; 8. Second player from right now has striped socks; 9. 'F.C.' on flag on stand upside down; 10. Girders different on side of stand.

CROSSWORD WINNERS

WINNERS of the Match Weekly Crossword Competition No. 32 were

Carl Marsden, 24 Chatcombe Rd, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, Manchester. Cheryl Capey, 110 Chester Rd, Taile, Stoke-on-Trent; D. Warner, 2 Hutchins House, Kings Ave, Clapham, London; Jonathan Ward, 6 Wood Rd, Brooklands, Sale, Cheshire; Peter Muzeen, 14 Westerham Walk, Reading, Berks.

They each win a football.

The solution was: ACROSS — 1. Paul Mariner, 6. Robson, 8. Tottenham, 10. Moses, 13. Ranson, 16 and 18. Out of play, 17. Italy, 19. Tainton, 20. Law, 22. (and 14 down) Barry Silkman, 24. Gregory, 25. One, 26. Stan Bowles.
DOWN — 1. Portsmouth, 2. Little, 3 and 5. Alan Kennedy, 4. Norman, 7. Borota, 9. Horton, 11. St. Mirren, 12. Southport, 15. Naylor, 21. Ryan, 22. Boro, 23. Real, 24. Gow.

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Danny McGrain CELTIC

FULL NAME: Daniel Fergus McGrain.

BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Glasgow, May 1, 1950.

MARRIED: To Laraine.

CHILDREN: Vicki (6), Dawn (4).

CAR: White Ford Escort.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.

TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.

CLUB NICKNAME: Barabbas.

FAVOURITE LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish — he's the sort of player you could put anywhere and he'd do a good job for you.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS: Liverpool and Man Utd.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Johan Cruyff — such pace and ball control.

BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Clemence; Hay, McNeill, Moore, Cooper; Bremner, Giles, Keegan; Best, Dalglish, Law.

ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Yashin (Russia), Djalma Santos (Brazil), Pasarella (Argentina), Beckenbauer (W Germany), Facchetti (Italy); Cruyff (Holland), Ardiles (Argentina), Rivellino (Brazil), Keegan (England), Kempes (Argentina), Pele (Brazil).

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Ibrox.

BEST GOALS SCORED: Against Partick, six years ago in Glasgow Cup semi-final. Ran from half way, beat 4 or 5 men and scored with my left foot — which was extraordinary for me.

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Alan Mullery's volleyed 'Goal of the season' for Fulham v Leicester in 1974.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Arthur Graham and John McDonald.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Qualifying for the 1978 World Cup against the Czechs.

MY MAGIC MOMENT: My first game at Wembley against England in 1973.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Ruled out by injury in Argentina.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Squash.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Holidays with my family.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking.

FAVOURITE MUSICIANS/SINGERS: E.O., Eagles, Beatles.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Lasagne.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Shandy.

BEST COUNTRIES VISITED: Israel, Singapore.

FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, George C Scott, Joan Collins.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Apocalypse Now.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Jock Stein.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Players who fake injury.

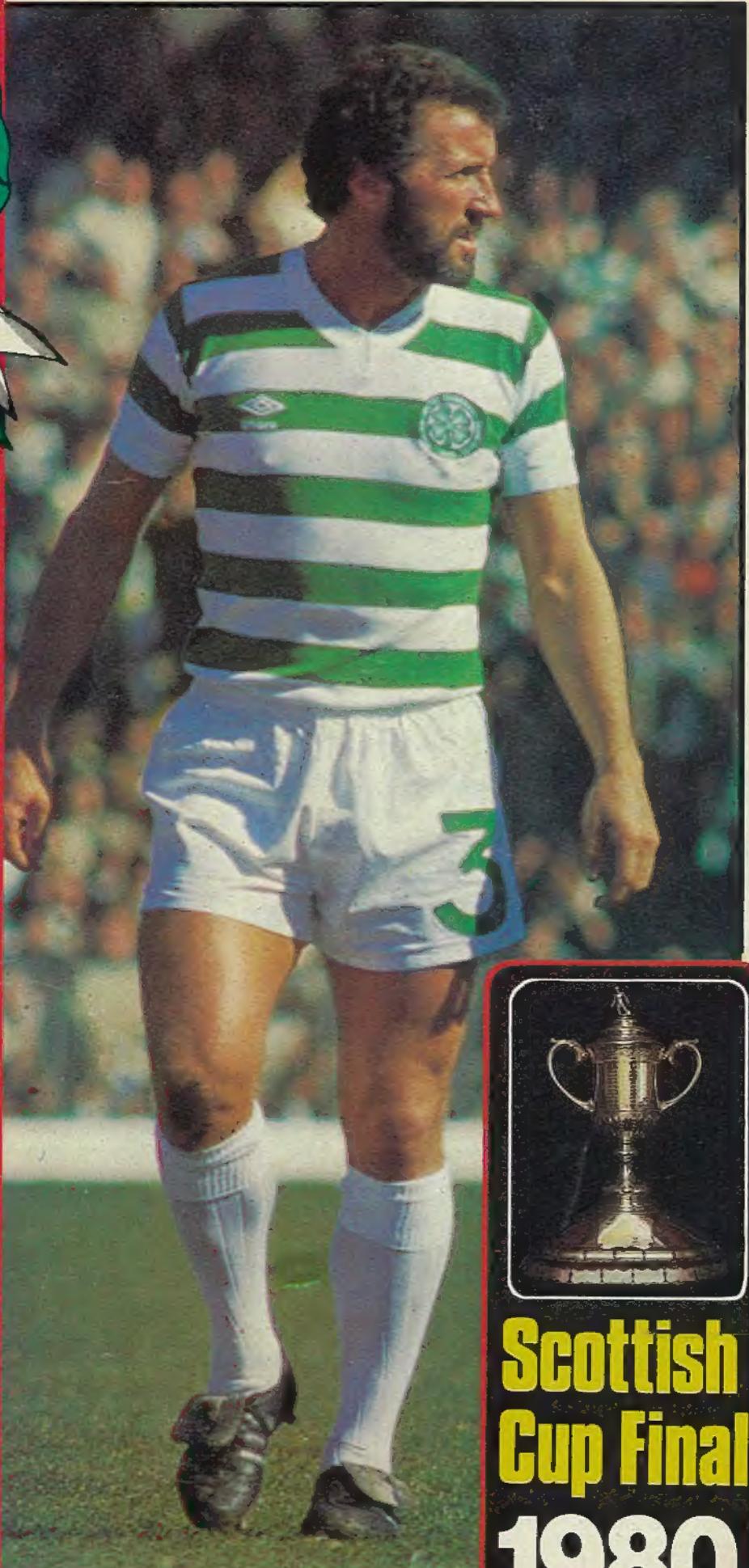
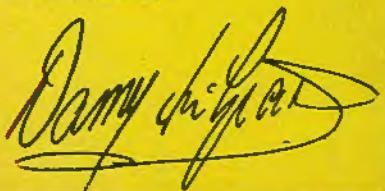
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 42 full caps for Scotland, two Under 23 caps.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To gain 50 caps and help Scotland to the 1982 World Cup Finals.

A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Charlie Nicholas, Celtic's 17-year-old reserve striker.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Paul McCartney and Clint Eastwood.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Obtain all the educational qualifications you can before committing your life to football.



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